

Population III: Early Childhood

Background – The Coalition identified early childhood as a priority at the December 2006 Quarterly Advisory Summit. They agreed to develop a workgroup to address this portion of the State Oral Health Plan. First Steps, Head Start, Early Head Start, and child care centers are important key stakeholders and are represented on the Coalition and Advisory Council. The workgroup will begin their efforts in February 2007.

Logic Model – To be developed

Objectives – To be developed

6(III).1 The Oral Health Division staff will provide training to First Steps programs lacking an oral health program, as well as child care center training at the 16 technical colleges on including oral health as part of total health by January 06.

South Carolina Baseline Not applicable

Healthy People Reference 7-11u Increase the proportion of local health departments that have established culturally appropriate and linguistically competent community health promotion and disease prevention programs, with regards to oral health

Baseline (1996-97): 25% 2010 Target: 50%

Original State Oral Health Plan Reference – Priority 5; Strategy 5.3 (See Appendix G)

Measurement Type - Process

Data Collection Method – Evidence of deliverables, which will be monitored through the Coalition

6(III).2 By insert date, N% of all child care centers with an oral health component will adopt “Good Start, Grow Smart” guidelines.

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Comments – The two objectives identified to date reflect existing programs implemented by DHEC in coordination with Coalition partners. The early childhood component will be developed by a Coalition workgroup beginning February 2007.